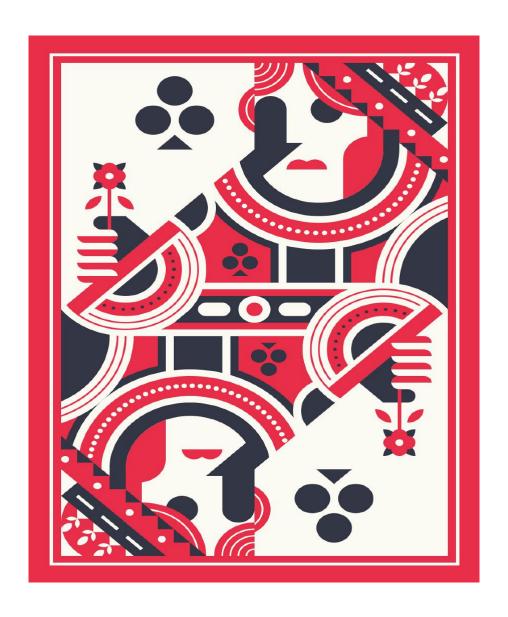
Let Me Tell You About Rosencrantz

(Poem)

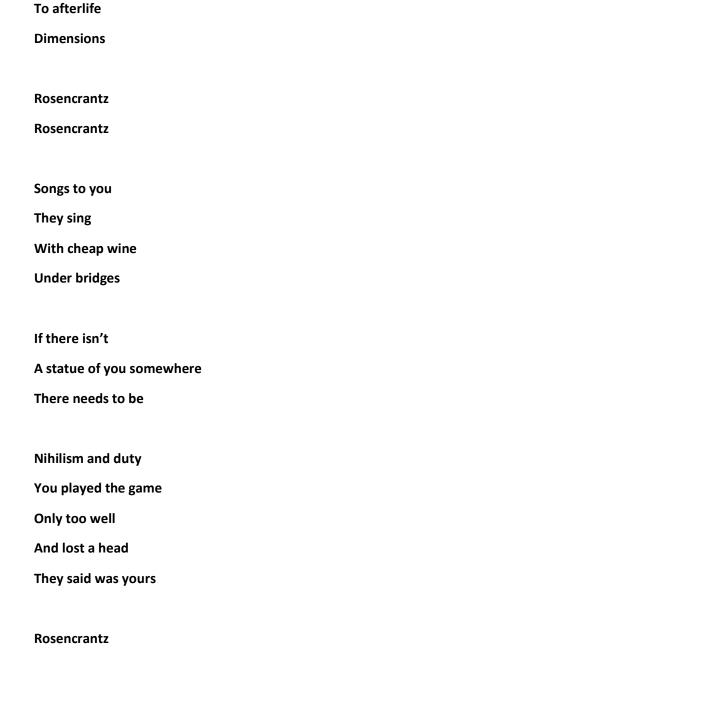
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About Rosencrantz
Rosencrantz
Rosencrantz
Let me tell you
About Rosencrantz
We both went on a ship
To England
Back then
And here I am
Here I am
And there's no sign
Of Rosencrantz
But here I am
Here I am
In a post-post-modern
Industrial
Cyber world
I connect
In Wi-Fi cafés
And on the streets
On the streets

Let me tell you



Rosencrantz

Is no more

On the streets

Existentialism

Sent him away

Got him

Rosencrantz **Stepping off** The Metro At 3 pm Looking for you In the face Of every stranger I think Of you From hotel balconies With my cigarettes **And contemplations** And my unwillingness To accept A Cartesian lobotomy Of the soul Rosencrantz What you revealed to me Of Super Nova implosions I'll remember Rosencrantz **Eulogies of you Blasted out**

On a doomed mission **Everyone knew** The prince was crazier Than a full moon prowler "Do it England" they said And when you got there An ax made you a martyr To the absurd man Loyal to a king Who murdered In gardens All just dust and bones now **But Elsinore remains Elsinore remains** Rosencrantz Your name

By sonic warfare machines

Hot dog vendors

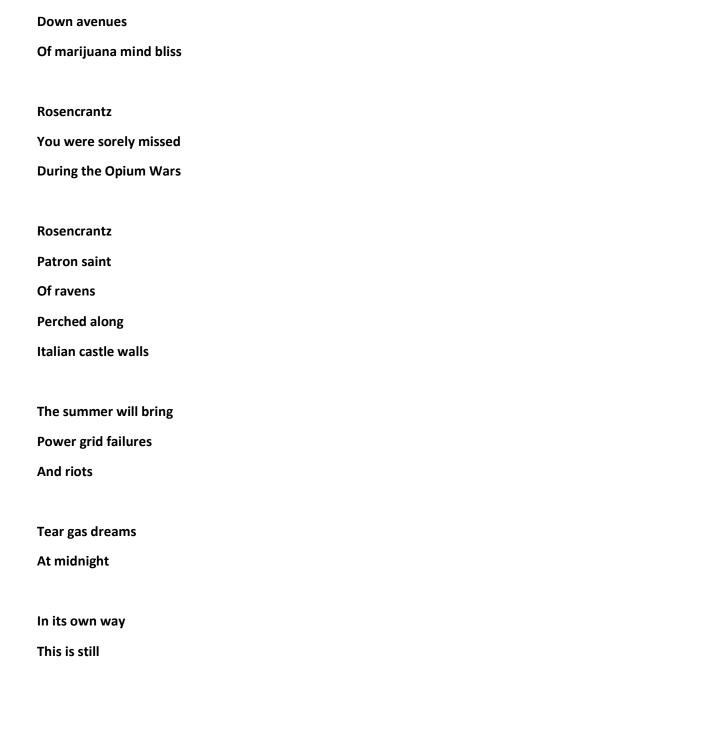
In possession

Of the omens

They sent you

In liquor store neons
Your name written
In electric defiance
Rosencrantz
You staged your own death
Didn't you?
Did you go seek
Redemption
In Timbuktu ?
Made secret deals
Laundered money
For the English Crown
Delivered barrels
Of whiskey
From Scotland
Was that you
Rosencrantz
Where a more serene destiny
Is impaled
At thrash metal concerts

Written



Who were you?

Both men of the absurd

Men who strive for coin

Until we meet our end

Who am I?

Rosencrantz

The world you knew
Rosencrantz
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Rosencrantz
Rosencrantz
_
Rosencrantz
Blurry streetlights
In LSD
Self-discovery
Astral journey
Engulfed by ravines of madness
Precision crossing
By measures of the quadrant
We've navigated
We've navigated Between
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Between
Between
Between Bimini narco islands before
Between Bimini narco islands before We both remember
Between Bimini narco islands before We both remember The eighties
Between Bimini narco islands before We both remember The eighties And the nineties well
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Televisions fed us
Propaganda
And circus
Somethings
Don't ever change
They just wear
More glitter of falsity
Rosencrantz
We'll remember you
During bong sessions
You sought to end
All that Danish madness
And it brought you
To your end
But also
To a new beginning
You're part
Of the collective subconscious now
We pour out beer
Upon the flowers
In your honor
Rosencrantz
Rosencrantz

A vision in the heavens
Dodging space junk
Ancient forest
Full of e-waste
You are beyond
Any of this now
You have been resurrected
In page after page
Rosencrantz
Always with us
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Rosencrantz
Not the first
And certainly
Not the last
Absurd martyr
Of an absurd dominion
D
Rosencrantz
On social media
Rosencrantz
On the moon

Rosencrantz

From a desolate tundra
Rosencrantz
The Doomsday Clock
Will soon strike eleven
Or maybe it already did
I should be paying
Better attention
To the bubonic
Dance macabre
In this world
I don't want to see it
Then so many more
Princes and kings
Will go mad
And fall from their thrones
All these streets of jazz
They will always
Remember you
Rosencrantz
Rosencrantz
We will light
Electric candles

I heard your name

Through a faint signal

In our madhouses

And think of you

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